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UN adopts global treaty on weapons trade

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - The UN General Assembly yesterday passed the first treaty regulating the global conventional weapons trade in an attempt to bring transparency and protection of human rights to the often murky industry.

Only Syria, North Korea and Iran -- which had blocked the treaty last week - voted against. However, two of the world's most prolific arms traders, Russia and China, and major weapons buyers Egypt and India, were among the 23 countries ab-

staining.

The first major arms accord since the 1996 Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty covers the estimated \$80-billion-a-year trade in tanks, armored combat vehicles, large-caliber artillery, combat aircraft, attack helicopters, warships, missiles and missile launchers, as well as small arms.

The treaty has no automatic enforcement. However, it seeks to push the weapons industry to take human rights into account.

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Aruba signs historic 30 million Aruban florin annual deal at The Hague

ORANJESTAD -- Thirty million Aruban florins is the advantage that Aruba now has with the signing of a historical agreement last Thursday with the Dutch government. This agreement makes it possible for Aruba to re-finance its debt on the capital international market. And, to do so at the very same low interest that Holland receives. Aruba is currently paying an interest rate of about 4.6%. Thanks to this new agreement, this interest may drop by about 2%. This means a reduction of about 30 million Aruban florins of what Aruba is currently paying in interest. This obviously is a sign of the confidence that the Dutch government has in Aruba's financial management.

The agreement was signed in The Hague by Aruba's Prime Minister Eman and Minister of Finance Mike de Meza, and for Holland by Minister Ronald Plasterk of Internal and Dutch Relations Affairs, and Jeroen Dijsselbloem of Finances.

The essential aspect of the agreement is that Holland will register for the public offers of bonds for Aruba. This, obviously at the low interest available to Holland on the international capital markets.

The agreement does not commit Aruba to any extra or special conditions. Aruba will be required to comply with the very same conditions already in place when Aruba solicits capital on the international market on her own. In the event Aruba is unable to comply with these conditions, at that point Holland will simply reserve the right to refrain from registering Aruba for these bonds....as stated in this agreement.

This agreement offers Aruba the opportunity to reduce her budget deficit much



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According to Mike Eman, this agreement is another demonstration of the equality and mutual confidence which exists between Holland and Aruba.

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Veteran Dutch soccer stars conduct a clinic for island youth



Rufo Kelly of the AVB and Johan van Heijn of the KNVB



Regi Blinker, Tai Foo Lee, Pierre van Hooijdonk and Aron Winter

As Aruba's National Soccer Federation, AVB and the Dutch National Soccer Federation KNVB, negotiate a new contract after ten years, three noted retired professional players from Holland have joined the KNVB representative on Aruba to conduct a clinic for island youth.

Pierre van Hooijdonk, Aron

Winter and Regi Blinker worked with 80 Aruban young soccer players, evenly split half boys and half girls, in seven groups divided by age and gender. Four boy teen groups ranged from 12 to 20, with another for youngsters under eleven years, and two girl groups for ages 17-20, attended a clinic with the players

on Tuesday afternoon, April 2, at Frans Figaroa Stadium in Shaba.

Pierre van Hooijdonk, now retired, played most of his career as a striker. He had spells with clubs across Europe where he was a prolific goal scorer. Van Hooijdonk was capped 46 times for the Dutch national team, scoring 21 goals, and played in the 1998 FIFA World Cup, Euro 2000 and Euro 2004. He was noted for his spectacular free kicks.

Aron Winter, originally from Suriname, midfielder and former head coach of Toronto FC. He has played for Ajax and Sparta Rotterdam in the Netherlands, for Italian sides Lazio and Internazionale, as well as the Dutch National Team, including the time they won the 1988 European Championships. He played for them in the Euro 96, scored a goal against Brazil in the 1994 FIFA World Cup quarterfinals, and was selected for the team for the 1998 FIFA World Cup. Having represented his national team 84 times, scoring six goals, Winter is currently the eighth most capped player for the Dutch national team.

Regi Blinker is a retired left winger, also originally from Suriname. He won three caps for the Dutch national team while at Feyenoord, making his debut in March of 1993 in a 6-0 home win against San Marino for the 1994 FIFA World Cup qualifiers.

The three players report they are very pleased to lend their talents and experience to the clinic for young island athletes, and look forward to observing some talented young players. They are certain they will benefit from their pointers during the sessions. The clinic is sponsored by the local Subway sandwich franchise, represented by Tai Foo Lee, who expressed Subway's staunch support of healthy, active events for Aruban youth.

Winners of the Dutch Caribbean region are known

Within the context of the assention to the throne, Oranje Fonds has organized a special edition of the "Appeltjes van Oranje." With the help of the general public we are showing the future King and Queen, protectors of the Oranje Fonds, the different social and successful organizations in the Dutch Kingdom.

A total of 3,914 organizations registered and 142,827 persons deposited their vote in the first weekend of voting, of which 9,701 were from within the Dutch Caribbean. The organizations in the first round determined their favorite organization of a different region, together with experts of the Oranje Fonds.

For the Dutch Caribbean "Hubentud Fundashon Mami Sa" of Curacao will compete in the youth category.

From Saba, Foundation Social Workplace will compete in the Barrio category.

In the lending a helping hand category, Stichting Ban Uni Man pa cria nos muchanan from Aruba will be competing.

The national election day will be on April 18 in Utrecht, The Netherlands.

Every year the Oranje Fonds presents the "Appeltjes van Oranje" prizes, and this year

they will be honoring our successful social organizations. On the occasion of the assention to the throne of the protectors of the Fonds they have organized a very special edition.

Throughout the entire Dutch Kingdom, social organizations registered their actual initiatives. Last week, everyone cast their vote and the winning organization thereafter deposited their preferential vote for another region.

Ronald van der Giessen was very pleased with the overwhelming reaction from all across the Dutch Kingdom. He said that he was happy that they will be able to present so many worthy organizations to the royal couple. All are winners and he indicated that he would love to do an exposition of them all within the kingdom. In the final analysis, it is only three organizations could receive the Oranje Fonds Kroonappel.

Oranje Fonds supports social initiatives with funds, knowledge and contacts. Yearly the fund allocates approximately 30 million Euros to about 8,000 large and small organizations. Financing comes from the "Nationale Postcode Loterij," the Lotto, friends and commerce.

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Special wind statement for Aruba extended through today

ORANJESTAD -- Strong winds with gusts up to 36 knots can continue to occur for Aruba through today (3/4/2013). This is due to a high pressure system over the Atlantic and a low pressure system near Colombia.

The cautionary statement for boaters/beach users since Saturday (30/3/2013) will continue. Additionally it is recommended that loose objects be anchored, since they can become flying debris.

Wind direction will vary from east-northeast to east-southeast. These wind variations will continue to make the seas at certain areas near the westward side of the island a bit rough also.

These areas are Baby-beach, and the low-rise hotel area. The northern shores will continue to be rough, and people using the protected

'Conchi' area should also use caution.

Coastal flooding observed these days near Baby-beach is common during high-tide combined with rough seas due to the east-southeast wind direction from time to time.

Seas over open waters will be between 5-12 ft through today.

Tomorrow winds will become more normal again for this time of year.

Normal values are 15 knots with gusts up to 30 knots.

Wind speed registered at the met.dept these days were:

30 mrt avg 18 knots max 36 knots
31 mrt avg 20 knots max 35 knots
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02 april avg 20 knots max 37 knots (till 15:00lst)

DAO representatives will explain new labor laws during informative sessions

ORANJESTAD -- Aruba's Parliament just passed new labor laws that will effect every sector of Aruban business. The legal department of the Labor Office announced they will be conducting informative seminars over the next two months, to acquaint employers and workers with how these changes and new laws will affect them.

Aside from the two new laws going into effect, including one regarding temporary workers employed for over 12 months, 3 established laws have been changed. Changes are in regard to the Civil Code, Labor Ordinance, Minimum Salary, Temporary Workers and Administration of Labor Laws.

Informative session will begin on Friday, April 12, in the conference room of the Aruba Trade and Industry Association, ATIA headquarters in Dakota. The topic will particularly pertain to temporary workers, the agencies that place them and their client companies. The seminar will be from 2:00 until 4:00 PM.

On Tuesday, April 16, the informative session will be conducted in the auditorium of the EPI School and will pertain to the HORECA,



Judelca Briceno, Labor Market Researcher

Hotel/REstaurant/Cafe workers, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

Changes in the law regarding those working in small and large commercial ventures will be explained on Tuesday, April 23 in the ATIA conference room from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Companies offer other misc services will be offered information on Tuesday, May 21 at the same hour. Construction companies and worker seminar will be on Thursday, May 23 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM in the same venue.

DAO will return to the EPI auditorium on Thursday, May 30, with a presentation and Q & A session for the

general public from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The information sessions will be conducted in Papiamentu.

Labor Market Researcher Judelca Briceno, representing the DAO, urged workers and employers to attend the informative sessions. Particular queries regarding these new laws can be submitted in writing to the DAO at e-mail address: leylaboral@hotmail.com. Inquiries can also be made at their office behind the DA Drugstore, or by calling their offices and asking for extension 297 or 284

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Requesting all livestock farmers to register their sick animals

ORANJESTAD -- Just recently, Santa Rosa in collaboration with the Veterinary Service began a project of doing an inventory of all sick live-stock animals or of those that have died as a result of an illness.

In this manner, Santa Rosa wants to determine and have registered all these animals so they can ensure that the quality of meat on Aruba is the highest possible for human consumption.

Santa Rosa's objective is to inform and advise all livestock farmers on the best manner to care for and raise their animals so they remain healthy at all times, and so



doing to avoid the possibility for animals to contaminate each other with diseases.

Santa Rosa has recently learned that various livestock farmers lost, among others, sheep, goats and cows. The symptoms to look out for include paralysis of the hind

feet, lack of appetite and the loss of weight. These can all cause death to the animal.

Santa Rosa and the Veterinary Services are appealing to all live-stock farmers who have experienced sickness or sudden death of their animals to call Nathalie Maduro at Santa Rosa at Tel. 585-8102, or Dr. Berendsen at the Vet Services at 585-0400.

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The seven insurance companies are:

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- RSA Insurance N.V.
- Fatum
- New India Assurance Co.
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April 6 is World Physical Activity Day

"No Barriers to Physical Activity"

ORANJESTAD -- Fundacion Movimiento ta Bida (FMTB) this year again is organizing a week of physical activities on World Physical Activity Day.

The objective will be to get everyone to do some physical activity for 30 minutes every day. The theme for this year is "There is no barrier to physical activity." FMTB is organizing an entire week of different activities together with other organizations and schools so as to motivate everyone to get moving for 30 minutes every day.

Format: - The activity lasts for 30 consecutive minutes or more.

Every participating organization may choose the moment most convenient to them. The organization may decide on the physical activity they want to practice. They can use their own creativity and ideas to organize the physical activity that will stimulate everyone to participate. The activity may be moderate or rigorous (for example, walking, dancing, exercise, creative games, swimming, aquarobics, Tai Chi, yoga, etc.)

On April 8th, between 5:00 to 7:00 pm, there will be free entrance to the Guillermo Trinidad to practice any physical activity.

On April 10 secondary schools will have their physical activity

On April 11th all Civil servants and commerce will have their physical activity

On April 12th the youth of our primary schools will do their 30 minute moves and FMTB will close out the week with a 5Km walk on Saturday April 13. They will leave the Joe Laveist Ballpark in San Nicolas at 5:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to participate....it is all GRATIS.

Everyone is kindly re-



quested to register their sport on facebook.com Movimiento to Bida and or contact Rudy Leysner at tel. 594-2546.

On April 7th World Health Organization will dedicate their health day to Hypertension. One of their recommendations for reducing high blood pressure: physical exercise.

FMTB remind everyone that their second cycle of physical activities begins April 15th and will last for 11 weeks...from Monday to Saturday from 5:30 in the morning to 6:30AM. These will take place at the San Nicolas Gym in the Ottaheitstraat. Contact person is Maximo Wernet (592-5940). In Piedra Plat

Gym behind the Bibito Pin, contact Rudy Leysner (594-2546).

In Oranjestad, the former Emma School Gym, Colegio Arubano and the contact person here is Karim Perez (563-4997). Because spaces are limit it is imperative that you register on time.

In the month of May, FMTB will begin offering, for the very first time, physical activity for those suffering from Parkinson's. Later in the month of April they will provide more information concerning this activity which will be sponsored by VNO, the representation of the Netherlands in Aruba, Curaçao and St Maarten.

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Thelma Stanley and Janet Snyder honored as Ambassadors of Goodwill



Recently, the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring two very lovely ladies as Ambassadors of Goodwill of Aruba. The honoring took place at the residence of Mrs. Rona Coster, a very dear friend of the honorees.

The symbolic honorary titles was presented to them in name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation for their love and loyalty

for our island

The honorees are Mrs. Thelma Stanley and her daughter Mrs. Janet Snyder from West Chester, Pennsylvania.

Thelma and Janet, together with their friend Karol Scheide, have been visiting Aruba for 21 consecutive years. They say they love to come to Aruba to meet with their many local friends, among others the families Ale

de Cuba, Tito Feliciano and Franklin de Kort. They also love the nice warm climate, beautiful white beaches, and restaurants. According to them: "Aruba is like a second home and the people here are like family."

The certificates were presented to them by Mr. Ernest Giel, representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, together with their friends, de Cuba, Feliciano and de Kort.

Book signing event by Dr. Fran White Ph.D. at AAA

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What should have been an enjoyable evening between husband and wife turns into a painful trip down memory lane. Prompted by the powerful theme of South Pacific, Brandy Grey confronts her past of abandonment and lies and determines to close the chapter that has been haunting her, her entire life—the carefully hidden secret of her heritage.

Follow author Dr. Fran White through the mysteries,

drama, and tears in her search for Family Secrets: A Journey of Good and Evil. White, a resident of Easton, MD, will be available to sign copies of her book, 'Family Secrets' on Aruba.

The book signing takes place on Saturday, April 6, 2013 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Venezuela opens campaign to replace Hugo Chavez

SABANETA (AFP) - Venezuela's presidential campaign to replace Hugo Chavez formally kicked off yesterday, with his chosen successor, acting President Nicolas Maduro, vowing to honor his socialist legacy at the late leader's childhood home.

As Maduro visited Chavez's hometown of Sabaneta in the west, opposition leader Henrique Capriles was heading to the opposite side of the country in the eastern state of Monagas for the short campaign ahead of the April 14 vote.

Both candidates have vowed to canvass all 23 states over 10 days in what is shaping up as an intense and emotionally-charged election to replace the man who led the oil-rich nation for 14 years.

The rivals have traded barbs for weeks since Chavez lost his two-year battle with cancer on March 5 and left a nation divided between sup-

porters of his self-styled socialist revolution and detractors who accused him of strong-arm tactics.

Maduro, a 50-year-old former foreign minister and vice president, was accompanied by hundreds of supporters, government officials and Chavez relatives as he visited the fallen president's family home, now a local headquarters of the ruling PSUV socialist party.

Maduro has a double-digit lead over Capriles in opinion polls, thanks in part to a wave of sympathy over the death of Chavez, who was immensely popular among supporters of his oil-funded social programs.

Chavez brought free health care and subsidized food programs to poor areas while reducing poverty in the Andean nation. But the opposition points out that Venezuela suffers from a high murder rate, soaring inflation and shortages of basic goods.

Capriles, the 40-year-old governor of Miranda state, gave Chavez his biggest electoral challenge in October elections, although he still lost by 11 points. The opposition was further weakened after a big defeat in regional elections in December that left it with only three of 23 gubernatorial seats.

Even in death, Chavez is casting a huge shadow over Venezuela, with a myth building around his larger-than-life personality. This could benefit Maduro, who constantly lionizes his mentor.

Maduro has compared Chavez to South American independence hero Simon Bolivar, referring to him as a "prophet," a "giant of the fatherland" and the "supreme commander."

The National Electoral Council, which the opposition accuses of being biased towards Chavismo, called for a peaceful campaign in the politically polarized nation.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

UN adopts global treaty on weapons trade

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Countries abiding by the treaty would establish national controls on arms exports. They'd also have to be sure that weapons being exported would not be used in genocide, war crimes, or by terrorists or organized crime.

"The world has been waiting a long time for this historic treaty," Brian Wood, head of arms control and human rights at Amnesty International, said.

The UN assembly voted by an overwhelming 154-3 margin for the resolution. Individual nations can start ratifying from June and once the 50th country ratifies -- a process that could last between one and two years -- the treaty takes effect.

The United States welcomed the vote, saying the UN treaty would help stem weapons shipments fueling war crimes. Secretary of State John Kerry called the measure "strong, effective and implementable."

In Britain, Prime Minister David Cameron called it a "landmark agreement that will save lives and ease the immense human suffering caused by armed conflict around the world."

The treaty will "reduce the number of illegal arms and make it harder for these to reach the hands of criminals and terrorists," he said.

However, Chinese ambassador Li Baodong said "China is not in favor of pushing a multilateral treaty through the General Assembly.... It is a negative precedent, we should negotiate by consensus."

And among those few casting no votes, North Korea's UN representative Ri Tong-Il called the treaty "unbalanced." He said it did nothing to curb exports, while failing to stop "the diversion to non-state actors, which is another source of

profit for exporters."

There was criticism from the Conflict Awareness Project, a non-governmental research organization, which said the treaty left a huge loophole for the middlemen in arms dealing networks.

"Since the broker is the central actor using the cover of legitimate business to divert weapons into the illicit trade, of all actors, this is the one requiring the strictest regulation," CAP's executive director Kathi Lynn Austin said.

"States that are serious about impeding illicit arms trafficking and protecting the legitimate trade in arms should implement a mandatory licensing and registration regime for all arms brokers," she said. "Until then, these middlemen remain comfortably assured of conducting their lethal business as usual."

But there was especially strong support during 10 days of arduous negotiations at the United Nations from African and Latin American states that for decades have been among the prime markets for weapons exports.

The United States -- the world's biggest arms dealer, with 30 percent of the market -- was another big backer, although ratification by Congress is not assured.

Russia says it has not decided whether or not to ratify the text. It says there are "omissions" in the treaty and "doubtful" provisions, such as the failure to control arms transfers to non-state groups.

Russia said it is worried about weapons getting into the hands of Chechen rebels, although for two decades the main sources of new weaponry in the tiny Caucasian province have included corrupt Russian suppliers and even military personnel.



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International News

NRA-backed group favors armed guards in US schools



NRA executive vice-president Wayne LaPierre calling on Congress to pass a law putting armed police officers in every school.

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Putting trained armed guards in US schools would help underpin the safety of their students, a task force launched by the National Rifle Association (NRA) after the Newtown massacre said Tuesday.

Releasing a 225-page report in Washington, the National School Shield program echoed the NRA's position that more guns in the right hands, rather than tougher gun laws, is the best recipe for confronting gun violence.

"The specific finding is that the presence of an armed security personnel in a school adds a layer of security and diminishes response time that is beneficial to overall security," said task force chief Asa Hutchinson.

The NRA launched the National School Shield initiative in the wake of the December 14 killing of 20 first-graders and six educators at Sandy

Hook Elementary School in affluent Newtown, Connecticut.

The gunman, Adam Lanza, 20, who had earlier shot and killed his own mother, cut down his victims with a semi-automatic assault rifle in a matter of minutes before turning a handgun on himself, investigators say.

Last Thursday, President Barack Obama made an impassioned plea for gun reform, infuriated by the notion that fading memories of the Newtown massacre three months ago were undercutting a push for new laws.

"What we're proposing is not radical, it's not taking away anybody's gun rights," said Obama, whose proposal for thorough background checks on all firearm purchases is running into stiff headwinds on Capitol Hill.

Tuesday's report from the National School Shield task force including eight recommendations ranging from better door locks to a 40- to 60-hour training program for armed school guard volunteers.

It also proposed that legislators in the 50 American states amend existing laws in order to allow school personnel to carry firearms.

The NRA lobbies vigorously against any gun control initiative, in a country with more than 30,000 gun-related fatalities a year and a Constitution that guarantees all citizens the right "to keep and bear arms."

Dutch court overturns paedophile association ban

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Dutch paedophile group Martijn, which argues for society's acceptance of consensual sex between children and adults, cannot be banned, an appeals court said on Tuesday, overturning a 2012 ruling.

"According to the court of appeal, the work of the association is contradictory to public order but there is no threat of disrupting society," the Arnhem-Leeuwarden court in the north of the country said.

The decision came after the head of the association, Martijn Uittenbogaard, appealed a June ruling by a court in nearby Assen banning the group, which has around 60 members.

Founded in 1982, the association lobbies for the accept-

ance of paedophilia but says it is fiercely opposed to any form of sexual abuse.

The appeals court ruled that the fact that some members had previous convictions for sexual abuse was not the association's responsibility and it had never committed a criminal act.

Words and images on the association's website are legal and do not advise people to have sex with children, the court said.

Nevertheless, the association is against some principles of Dutch law as it "makes banal the dangers of sexual contact with young children, speaks well of such contact, even glorifies it", the court said.

But this would not lead to a "disruption" of society, a required condition for an association to be banned, as society is "sufficiently capable of defending itself against undesirable utterances or reprehensible (but not punishable) behaviour", it said.

Following the ruling, the head of the association tweeted: "Luckily there are still some wise judges."

A court in Leeuwarden in 2011 declined to pursue criminal proceedings against the association, despite the malaise the group caused even in the liberal-minded Netherlands.

The group's former head Ad van den Berg was sentenced to three years in jail in 2011 for possession of child pornography.

Shock over second death on hit French reality TV show

PARIS (AFP) - The suicide of a doctor on a hit French reality TV show sparked shock on Tuesday, with some blaming media pressure for his death while others urged restrictions on reality programmes.

Thierry Costa, a physician on "Koh Lanta" -- the French version of "Survivor" -- killed himself Monday in Cambodia just over a week after a candidate died on set, citing "unfair accusations" against him in the media.

"I hope the witnesses and websites that published these horrors about the Koh Lanta doctor had a bad night," @Sarah_IC said on Twitter, one of many who blamed sites and social networks for spreading misinformation about the candidate's death.

The contestant -- 25-year-old Gerald Babin -- died of a heart attack on the first day of filming the adventure show on the tropical island of Koh Rong on March 22, prompting French broadcaster TF1 to axe the show's 2013 season, its 16th.

His death -- the first during any French reality TV programme -- sparked questions about the way the show was run.

One widely used anonymous witness statement published on popular website Arret sur Im-

ages questioned Costa's handling of the candidate's death, accusing him and the production team of prioritising the show over the victim.

The two deaths have also sparked a wider debate in France over reality TV shows, which are hugely popular.

In a Tuesday interview in Le Parisien newspaper, Jeremie Assous -- the lawyer for Babin's family -- hit out at what he said were "many labour code breaches but also breaches in hygiene and security rules" in TV reality shows.


He questioned why there was just one doctor for 150 candidates and production team members working on "Koh Lanta".

Meanwhile Francoise Laborde -- a journalist and member of state media regulator Conseil Superieur de l'Audiovisuel -- suggested that reality shows needed to be better monitored.

Several candidates in France have in the past committed or attempted to commit suicide after their reality TV show ended.




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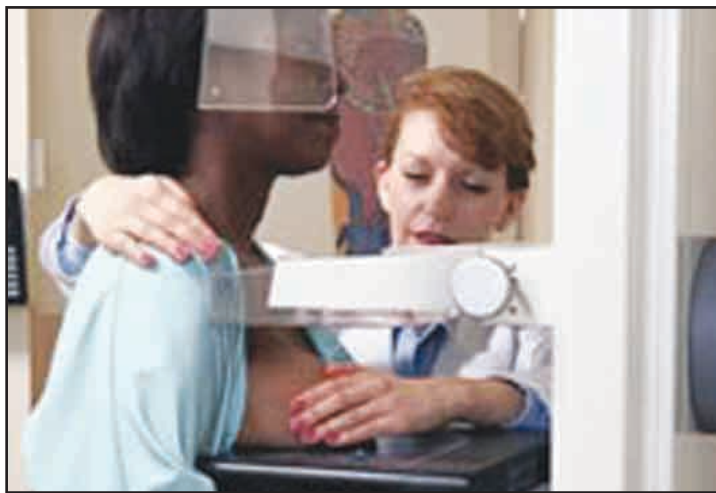
Mammograms are becoming obsolete!

--In my new book on cancer, soon to be on the market, I have dedicated an entire section on the phenomena of the Mammogram. This is the machine that women's breasts are examined with for potential cancer development. It has been the standard measure for detecting early breast cancer for many decades. But, women who have had a Mammogram will tell you that it is one of the most unpleasant and painful experiences to have!

In my research I have discovered that recent progress on the breast cancer front is moving us closer to more effective and much gentler cancer testing and treatments. When you follow the developments, you can conclude that what is happening today may be the beginning of a movement away from radiation-heavy screening tests and the invasive techniques like biopsies.

The only matter that seriously concerns me is that so much of what is happening out there in the world takes forever to reach us here on this one happy island. Here, so far as I know, the Mammogram is still considered a state-of-the-art equipment for the detection of breast cancer!

Most recently the FDA in the US has officially approved the use of a new machine – the ABUS (Automated Breast Ultrasound System). This is a brand new breakthrough in the detection and prevention of breast cancer. All women need to know about this new development. It can double a woman's chance for finding



Mammogram

breast cancer at an early stage.

In my new book, I have included detailed information on this new technique and its powerful advantage over the traditional Mammogram.

The research indicates that the traditional Mammogram is practically useless for detecting tumors in breasts with dense tissue, and that women with dense (tight) breast tissue are four times more likely to develop breast cancer. This simply means that the Mammogram is of little use to women who need it most. I am told that Mammograms are not even that useful for screening normal tissue...they miss up to 15% of all cancerous lumps.

In my new book on cancer, I reveal how the ABUS doubles the rate of early detection for women with dense breasts tissue and how it triples the rate of detection for cancers smaller than 10mm! The interesting matter, however, is that the FDA only approved the use of the ABUS for women with dense breasts. So, they

are still hanging on to the old Mammogram. This, of course is ridiculous because ABUS can screen women with any type of tissue.

The ABUS means no more painful breast compression, no radiation exposure and by far, a more efficient and thorough exam than the Mammogram.

The stance taken by the FDA is one of the arguments presented in my book on cancer revealing the inconsistencies and utter folly in the so-called fight against cancer. Yet, there is a ray of hope that they may move ahead and change their stance on the ABUS.

What concerns me, is how many of you (women) have had your doctor mention this new development? When will we have such an apparatus for use on women here?

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Six European countries move against Google over privacy



PARIS (AFP) - Six European countries, including France and Britain, on Tuesday launched joint action against Google to get the US Internet giant to scale back on new monitoring powers that watchdogs believe violate EU privacy protection rules.

Despite sharp criticism from US and European consumer advocacy groups, Google last year rolled out a common user privacy policy for its services that condensed around 60 previous sets of rules into one and allowed the company to track users more closely to develop targeted advertising.

Among the Google services affected were Gmail, YouTube, the Android mobile system, social networks and its ubiquitous Internet search engine.

France's Cnil data protection

agency said in a statement that the concerted action -- which was also carried out by authorities in Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Spain -- was launched "on the basis of the provisions laid down in their respective national legislation" to force Google to bring its privacy policy in line with European regulations.

The action came after the European Union's 27 member states warned Google in October not to apply the new policy, and gave it four months to make changes or face legal action.

When that deadline expired in February, several European data protection agencies set up a task force to pursue coordinated action against the US giant.

Cnil said it had seen no

changes to Google's privacy policy since the company's representatives met on March 19 with the task force, which included agencies from Britain, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Spain.

Cnil also said it had notified Google that it had launched an inspection procedure.

Critics argue that the new policy gives the operator of the world's largest search engine an unprecedented ability to monitor its users.

EU Justice Commissioner Viviane Reding welcomed the European move.

Still, the news took little toll on Google's shares, which in mid-day New York trading were 1.12 percent higher at \$810.15, while the Nasdaq index of technology shares was up by 1.04 percent overall.

US visa day sparks new debate on tech workers



WASHINGTON (AFP) - As the US government opened up visa applications Monday for highly skilled immigrants, debate flared anew on the tech sector's demands to be able to hire more foreign workers.

The US tech sector has long complained of a shortage of workers with specialized skills, but the debate is further complicated this year by fresh attention to a broader immigration law aimed at bringing millions of undocumented migrants out of the shadows.

In what has become an annual rite for the tech sector, the US government opened applications for 65,000 spots for highly skilled workers under the so-called H-1B visa program.

US Citizenship and Immigration Services said it expects to receive more requests than available visas by April 5, and if so will set up a lottery.

Microsoft general counsel Brad Smith said the squeeze has led to "increased anxiety" at many companies since the visas for the next fiscal year are likely to be filled in the first week.

Smith said in a blog post that the situation highlights a shortage in "STEM talent" -- people with degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Sentiment on the issue is far from universal. Some critics claim the visa program tamps down US wages, while others say the system is abused by companies that outsource jobs to countries like India.

According to the Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers, the top 10 users of H-1B visas in the past fiscal year were companies specializing in shipping American jobs offshore.

Vin O'Neill, a spokesman for the IEEE-USA, said there is a long history of companies using the H-1B visas for short-term jobs, only to later transfer those functions elsewhere, often to India's booming tech sector.

O'Neill said using H-1B visas depresses wages because the workers are at the mercy of the employer, unable to seek a new job unless they find a new sponsor.



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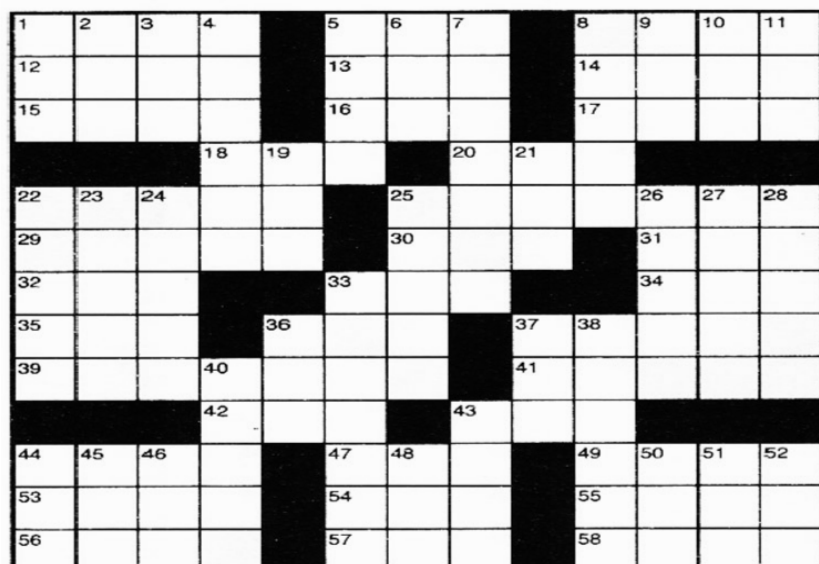
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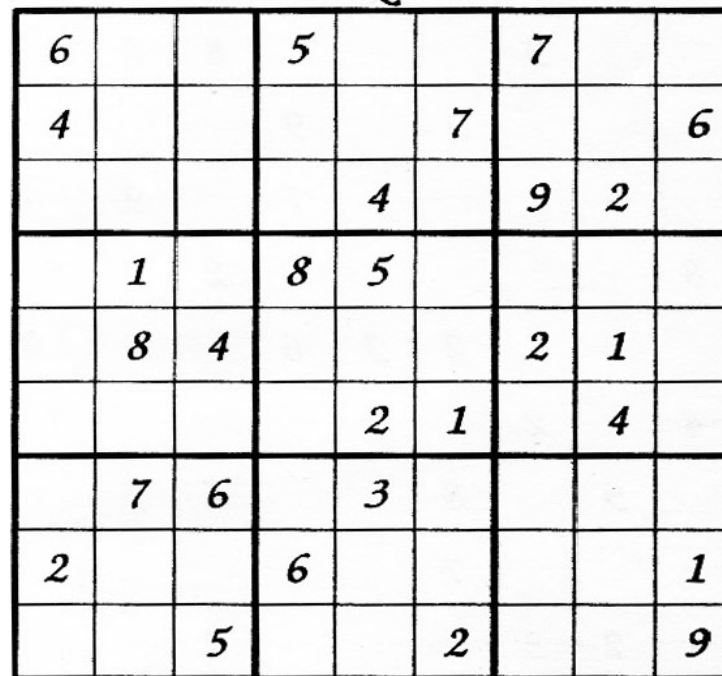
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ORANJESTAD -- During the period of March 22, 2013 through April 12, 2013 the Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) will conduct the Consumer Confidence Survey (CCS) for the first quarter. The CCS consists of 21 short multiple choice questions relating to the Aruban population's perception of and expectation on the state of the Aruban economy and on its spending habit.

The CCS provides the CBA with valuable information used for its macro-economic analyses and forecasts, and helps as well in determining the sentiments of Aruban consumers, which furthers the CBA's understanding of domestic economic developments. The CCS may also aid policy makers when determining economic and financial policies and actions. The results of this period will be compared with the previous surveys to analyze the change in the population's sentiments.

During this period, a group of 5 interviewers, hired by the CBA, will survey a total of 400 respondents in order to gather

the important data. Interviewers will be stationed at several strategic locations on the island, such as the civil registry office and the post office, carrying an identification badge and a notification letter as proof that they are working on behalf of the CBA. Due to the simplicity of the questions (e.g., would you say that you (and your household) are better off or worse off financially than you were 6 months ago?), the interview should not take more than 10 minutes to complete.

Given the importance of the CCS for Aruba, the CBA calls upon the Aruban public to fully cooperate with this survey. The interviewed persons can be assured that the CBA will treat the information gathered in this survey with the highest level of confidentiality, and the results will be published in an aggregated form only. For further information please contact Ms. Elmelynn Croes (tel. 5252230; e-mail e.croes@cbaruba.org) or Mr. Jonathan Upegui (tel. 5252215; e-mail j.uegui@cbaruba.org) of the Research Department.

Cyprus finance minister quits as capital controls eased

NICOSIA (AFP) - Finance Minister Michalis Sarris resigned yesterday, hours after a probe was launched into how Cyprus was pushed to the verge of bankruptcy before having to agree a crippling eurozone bailout.

Sarris said he was stepping down as he would need to cooperate with judges investigating the failure of Laiki Bank, of which he was chairman for much of last year. The bank's collapse was a major contributor to the island's near financial meltdown.

President Nicos Anastasiades accepted the resignation with "sadness" and lauded his "high political ethos" for stepping down to facilitate the probe. He named current labour minister, economist Haris Georgiades, to replace Sarris, a spokesman said.

Zeta Emilianidou, permanent secretary at the commerce ministry, becomes the first woman in the cabinet, taking over from Georgiades.

Meanwhile, the government wrapped up talks with international lenders that will open the way for Cyprus to receive a 10-billion-euro bailout, Stylianides said.

Dutch shoot down EU budget rise proposal

THE HAGUE (AFP) - The Netherlands yesterday rejected a European Union request for an extra 11.2 billion euros from member states, with Finance Minister Jeroen Dijsselbloem saying the money should be found elsewhere.

"I cannot agree with the supplementary budget," Dijsselbloem said in a letter to the Dutch parliament, referring to the European Commission's request last week for more money in its 2013 budget to cover bills left unpaid from last year.

Britain has already said the request was "unacceptable" at a time when states are struggling to reduce their deficits.

"The situation would be better served by looking for possible savings elsewhere in the budget," said Dijsselbloem, who also chairs the Eurogroup of finance ministers.

Britain noted that the amount sought is greater than the entire eurozone contribution to the Cyprus bailout.

British MP and Treasury Minister Greg Clark last week called it an "extraordinary" request "at a time when most EU

member states are taking difficult decisions to reduce public spending."

Dijsselbloem's reaction was equally strong: "I note that the Commission in its suggestion made no effort whatsoever to find space for savings elsewhere in the budget."

The Dutch finance ministry said the Netherlands contributes around 5.0 percent of the EU budget, meaning it would have to pay 550 million euros (\$706 million) towards the increase.

The Netherlands has repeatedly had to make cuts in recent months to bring its deficit back to below an EU limit of 3.0 percent of national output.

Dijsselbloem also questioned the timing of the EC's call.

"It's unclear how the Commission can already say with certainty how much exactly is needed in 2013," he said.

Dijsselbloem said the Netherlands would discuss the Commission's call "with like-minded states" and would look at forming a bloc to reject the proposal "until a satisfactory solution could be found."



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Families flock to Paseo Herencia as a perfect end to Easter



Families enjoy Kids in Action

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Paseo Herencia has carousel and bumper boat rides for the kids, plus holiday face painting, manicures with color changing nail polish from the Del Sol

store and fun make-up. All ages enjoyed a delightful dance show in the Plaza Padu from Kids in Action, but the real show was the children, reacting to meeting Mr. Bunny in the most entertaining and photogenic manner.

One thing island families know, if there is a special holiday, national or international, they can be assured of a special effort and celebration for all the family from the staff at Paseo Herencia Shopping Mall in Palm Beach!

by Rosalie Klein



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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded get-



away; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when

complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great

demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the

least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varella's mom,

Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted

Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses for Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy



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Sport

Football: Matuidi strikes at death as PSG hold Barca



PARIS (AFP) - Blaise Matuidi's goal deep in stoppage time earned Paris Saint Germain a deserved 2-2 draw in their Champions League quarter-final first leg against Barcelona at Parc des Princes here Tuesday.

Barca appeared to have snatched the win when Xavi Hernandez converted from the spot in the last minute of normal time after Zlatan Ibrahimovic had cancelled out Lionel Messi's first half opener.

The penalty was awarded when PSG goalkeeper Salvatore Sirigu charged out and brought down Alexis Sanchez.

Messi put the Spanish giants into a 38th minute lead

when a first-time Dani Alves pass with the outside of the right boot dropped straight into his path.

The finish, volleyed into the far corner, was as emphatic as Alves' assist was sublime.

This was the Argentine four-time world footballer of the year's 57th goal in all competitions this season.

But Messi's night came to a premature end when he suffered a right hamstring injury and failed to emerge for the second half, with Cesc Fabregas taking his place.

Beckham, speaking to ITV television, reflected: "In the first half, especially the first ten minutes we had a few very good chances, then they got their goal, it was an uphill battle but I think we deserved a draw tonight."

On being named in the starting line-up he said: "The manager has shown a lot of confidence in me in games and in big moments, tonight was a big moment for the club."

"I'm pretty much at the same level as I was at AC Milan, it was only three years ago, I'm enjoying being part of these nights again, they don't get better than this."

On PSG's prospects to qualify for the semi-finals he added: "Our chances are better than they were at 2-1 - it's going to be difficult but no reason not to go there and get a result."

And ever the gentleman he offered good wishes to the injured Messi, saying: "We all hope Messi is fit and ready to go - we wish him the best."

While they maintain the upper hand thanks to their two away goals, this was not a good night for the Spanish league leaders with the extent of Messi's injury due to be revealed when he undergoes tests on today.

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Football: FIFA pick GoalControl for Confederations Cup

PARIS (AFP) - Football's world governing body on Tuesday said that German company GoalControl will provide the goal-line technology at this year's Confederations Cup in Brazil.

The firm's GoalControl-4D system, which uses 14 high-speed cameras placed around the pitch to track the ball, was chosen ahead of three other bids after a tendering process, presentation and inspections in Brazil, FIFA said in a statement.

The June 15-30 tournament will be the second FIFA-accredited competition in which the technology will be used to determine disputed goal-line incidents, after its use in last year's Club World Cup in Japan.

GoalControl is in the running to provide goal-line technology for next year's World Cup in Brazil "provided that the performance of the system during this year's Festival of Champions meets all necessary FIFA requirements", the federation said.

Use of the technology is still subject to final tests at each stadium hosting matches while match officials will also carry out their own checks, in line with procedures carried out at the Club World Cup.



CHARLESTON, South Carolina, April 2, 2013 (AFP) - World No. 1 Serena Williams served nine aces during her win in her first match this season on clay on Tuesday, beating Italy's Camila Giorgi 6-2, 6-3 at the \$795,000 WTA Family Circle Cup. Williams did not commit a double fault but took full advantage of 12 by her 85th-ranked rival to win after 82 minutes in her first match since capturing the WTA Miami crown last Saturday by beating Maria Sharapova in the final. Next in the path of Williams, who was among eight top seeds to receive a first-round bye, is a third-round match against either Germany's 15th-seeded Sabine Lisicki or US qualifier Mallory Burdette. Others reaching the third round included Swiss Stefanie Voegele, who ousted Spanish seventh seed Carla Suarez Navarro 6-2, 6-4, and Romanian 11th seed Sorana Cirstea, who defeated Spain's Anabel Medina Garrigues in a walkover. Among first-round winners were Britain's Laura Robson, who despatched Spain's Estrella Cabeza Candela 6-2, 6-2, and New Zealand's Marina Erakovic, who eliminated Slovakian Daniela Hantuchova 7-6 (7/2), 6-4.

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Rutgers men's basketball coach Mike Rice in trouble



--Rutgers men's head basketball coach Mike Rice is in hot water again for his legendary temper, and this time, there is video evidence that will undoubtedly come as a shock to all in the college basketball community.

In a report for ESPN's Outside the Lines, Don Van Natta,

Jr. details hours of abuse—physical and mental—that Rice has inflicted upon players during practices. In the video obtained by Outside the Lines, Rice is shown berating his players with homophobic hate speech and throwing basketballs at their heads and legs.

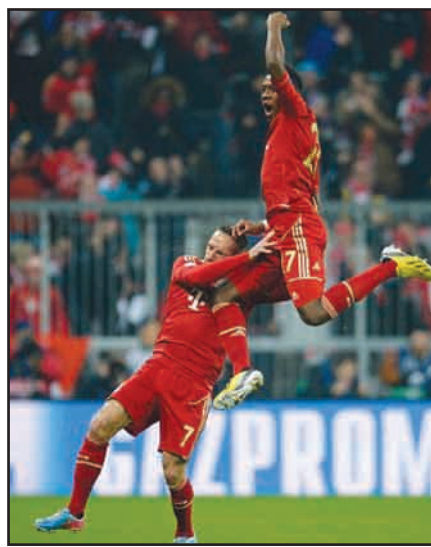
This continuous abuse has been the cause of at least three players transferring from the program, according to former player development official Eric Murdock, who spoke to Van Natta for the story.

Football: Bayern see off Juventus to inch towards semis

MUNICH (AFP) - Bayern Munich have one foot in the Champions League semi-finals after their 2-0 win at home to Juventus on Tuesday in the quarter-final, first leg clash.

Munich needed less than a minute to take the lead over the Italians through a thunderous strike by Austria defender David Alaba before Germany's Thomas Mueller grabbed Bayern's second at the Allianz Arena with an hour gone.

With both sides top of their respective leagues, Bundesliga giants Bayern are bidding to reach their third Champions League final in four years while Juventus have won all five of their previous



European quarter-finals against German teams.

But Juventus will have to produce a top performance next week if they are to maintain that record as Bayern dominated this match.

Munich coach Jupp Heynckes demonstrated Bayern's strength in depth by leaving Peru striker Claudio Pizarro on the bench -- despite scoring four goals in Saturday's 9-2 rout of Hamburg -- with Mario Mandzukic starting as the lone striker.

For Juventus, strikers Alessandro Matri and Fabio Quagliarella paired up again in attack, while the trio of Giorgio Chiellini, Stephan Lichtsteiner and Claudio Marchisio

With seven games left and a 20-point lead, it would be the earliest confirmed title win in the German league's history.

NBA: Bucks bash Bobcats 131-102

MILWAUKEE (AFP) - Monta Ellis finished with 19 points, 14 assists and six steals as the Milwaukee Bucks crushed the Charlotte Bobcats 131-102 on Monday at the Bradley Center arena.

Larry Sanders had a NBA career-best 24 points while grabbing 13 rebounds, six of which came at the offensive end for the Bucks. Ersan Ilyasova and Brandon Jennings netted 22 and 19 points, respectively, while J.J. Redick came off the bench to chip in 20 points.

Milwaukee remain in eighth place in the Eastern Conference and trail the Boston Celtics by 1 1/2 games. The last time the Bucks reached 131 points was 1986.

Kemba Walker scored a game-high 27 points on eight-of-11 shooting from the field for Charlotte, who have dropped five of its last six games.

Tyrus Thomas scored 13 points off the bench in his first game since February 6 while Gerald Henderson scored 17 points in the loss.

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NEW YORK (AFP) - Greg Willard, a referee who officiated more than 1,600 NBA games, died on Monday night after a battle with pancreatic cancer, the league announced on Tuesday. He was 54 years old. Willard refereed 1,494 regular-season games, 136 playoff games, the 2006 NBA All-Star Game in Houston and two games in the NBA Finals. In tribute to Willard, all NBA officials will wear wristbands or patches with his jersey number, 57, for the remainder of the NBA season. Lee Seham, general counsel of the National Basketball Referees Association, said Willard "epitomized what it meant to be an NBA referee through dedication to his craft, hard work and integrity both on-and-off the court. He was not only a great NBA referee, but more importantly a wonderful person."

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Plaza Mall. Here is where you'll find different stands with different merchandises. All the participants will receive a GOODY BAG which will consist of different gifts, special discounts, bingo card. After the movie you can go to the VIP area located on the second floor, there will be a private bar and a perfect view for the Fashion Shows.

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NHL: Jagr to add cutting edge to Bruins after swap deal



BOSTON (AFP) - Five-time National Hockey League scoring champion Jaromir Jagr, who helped the Czech Republic win 1998 Olympic gold, was traded by the Dallas Stars to the Boston Bruins on Tuesday.

The 41-year-old right wing, the top scorer among active NHL players, signed with Dallas as a free agent in July after playing for Philadelphia last season and was moved on the eve of the NHL trade deadline for this season.

Jagr led the Stars in scoring with 14 goals and 12 assists this season. He has 679 goals and 1,000 assists over 1,380 career NHL games for Pittsburgh, Washington, the New York Rangers, Philadelphia and Dallas.

While the Stars are 12th in the Western Conference with a long uphill fight for a playoff spot, the Bruins are third in the Eastern Conference and Jagr will help in their pursuit of

Montreal and Pittsburgh for the top playoff seed.

Boston sent the Stars minor-league forward Lane MacDermid, teen prospect Cody Payne and a second-round pick in June's NHL Draft in exchange for Jagr, who helped Pittsburgh win Stanley Cup championships in 1991 and 1992.

"Jaromir Jagr produced as a consistent scorer for our team all year," said Stars general manager Joe Nieuwendyk. "With our eye to the future, we have acquired some valuable assets that we believe strengthen our organization."

Jagr will wear his usual jersey number, 68, with the Bruins, who last week thought they had landed veteran Jarome Iginla from Calgary only to learn he instead had been sent to Pittsburgh.

Jagr spent three seasons in Russia's Kontinental Hockey League before joining Philadelphia last season.



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